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Filed:	March 8, 2001)
Confirmation No.:	n/a)
For:	METHODS, SYSTEMS, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS, AND DATA STRUCTURES FOR LIMITING THE DISSEMINATION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL)
Examiner:	assigned)

TRANSMITTAL, OF RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

ATTN: Janice Tippet

Office of Initial Patent Examination Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts as discussed by telephone with you on June 22, 2001. The response includes a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, as well as copies of our postcard showing that the documents which were

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alleged in the notice as missing, were in fact filed and acknowledged as received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as reflected in the postcard. We are also enclosing copies of the referenced documentation as suggested by you.

As also discussed, we do not believe under the circumstances that we should be required to file any fees, however, in the event that there are any additional fees that are required in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, this will constitute your authorization to charge our deposit account 23-3178. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Dated this 25 of JUNE

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 28,651

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Attached at Exhibit A is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, which was mailed April 19, 2001. The Notice to File Missing Parts asserts that the statutory filing fee was missing. The Office of Initial Patent Examination was contacted by telephone carly in May of this year and was advised that the application as filed included the required Patent and Trademark Office credit card payment form. Applicants' representative was notified at that time that the Office of Initial Patent Examination

would obtain the file and would verify whether the Notice to File Missing Parts was sent out erroneously.

In a follow up telephone conference on June 22, 2001, Applicants' representative was advised by Ms. Janice Tippet of the Office of Initial Patent Examination that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office file does not contain a copy of the U.S. Patent and Trademark credit card payment form. Ms. Tippet requested that we send a copy of the credit card form which was filed, and a copy of our return postcard showing that the Patent and Trademark office had acknowledged receipt of the credit card payment form as of the date of filing, March 8, 2001.

Accordingly, attached at Exhibit B is a copy of the U.S. Patent and Trademark credit card payment form duly dated, signed and submitted with the other application filing documents. A copy of our return postcard is attached hereto at Exhibit C, which indicates that among the items submitted to the PTO was a "Transmittal Letter with PTO Form 2038 in the amount of \$1,814.00." The postcard was duly stamped and returned by the Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of these documents on March 8, 2001.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all filing documentation was appropriately filed and therefore request that the requirements for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts be withdrawn. However, in the event there is any need for payment of any fees either in connection with any filing fees, any Petition for Extension Fees, or any other fees relating to the Notice to File Missing Parts, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-3178 for any such required fees.

Dated this 25 day of June, 2001.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1064.
 - \$504 for 28 total claims over 20.
 - \$560 for 7 independent claims over 3.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- . The balance due by applicant is \$ 1904.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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Patent Application Formal Drawings

Transmittal Letter w/Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$1,814.

Declaration, Pwr of Atty, & Petition

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Sir:

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

- Transmittal Letter (2 pages)
- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (3 pages);
- Exhibit A Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (1 page);
- Exhibit B Copy of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Credit Card Payment Form (1 page);
- Exhibit C Copy of PTO date stamped return postcard.

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